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From a PIECE, in the AMERICAN MAGAZINE, for *November* past,

On the Uses and Abuses of Militias.

LET us suppose a Government that has 26,000 Fighting Men, requires a Guard of a Thousand on its Frontiers. How can it be more expensive for 25,000 of these staying at home, pursuing their several Occupations and attending their Farms, to pay a Thousand to guard the Frontiers all the Year, than to go themselves and each Man spend a Fortnight? Where can be the Saving in this latter Case to the People? Is not the Loss of Time equal to the Loss of Money? On the contrary, will not guarding the Frontiers with a Militia be more expensive, as well as more unjust, than hiring Men? For in the first Place as it will be necessary for every one of the 26,000 mentioned before, to be a Fortnight on the Frontiers, all the Time in marching backward and forward is lost. And whereas a Tax equal to Fourteen Days Labour to every Man, would be sufficient to pay the Expence of supporting 1000 Men; by being call'd forth themselves, the People will lose one with another at least Eighteen Days each; not to mention the Inconvenience of being drawn away from their Farms at Seed Time and Harvest, &c. or from their Trades and Occupations, whereby their Families are maintain'd. Thus then to defend the Frontiers by a Militia, may distress the Poor and ruin the Farmer and Tradesman, but not lessen the Expence of the People.

But farther, this Way is not only expensive but unjust. Every Man ought to contribute towards the Defence of a Country, according to the Estate he holds in that Country. But to Draught the Militia to serve on the Frontiers, would be to make the Poor pay an equal Tax with the Rich, the Man who depends on his Labour for his daily Bread, with him who possesses Thousands. Thus then the boasted Saving, will only be to the Rich and Wealthy, who can easily hire a Man to go for them, while they stay at home indulging themselves in Ease, or accumulating Wealth. And thus instead of easing the People, or lessening the public Expence, the Burden is only shifted from the Shoulders of those who are capable of bearing it, and laid upon those who must sink under its Weight.

The next Enquiry is whether it be *better* to employ the Militia than hired Troops, for *cheaper* it can't be. I have shewn above from the Nature of our frontier Settlements, and the Indian Method of making War, that the Militia call'd together occasionally will not answer the End of Defending the Frontiers. There must be a Standing Guard. The Question then is whether it be better to employ certain Persons and retain them for that Service, or to employ the Militia. I know it will be said, that Men who have their All at Stake, will exert themselves more, and Fight better, than those who only Fight for Wages. That may be the Case, and the Province no Gainer at the last. I have known Countries well nigh ruin'd by Victories. In the early Ages of *Rome*, no Man was exempted from going to War, and all were obliged to serve at their own Cost. In short, they had what would now be call'd a well-regulated Militia. But their Farmers being call'd to War, the Fields were neglected, and too many being taken off for Soldiers, too few were left for the Plough; from whence it frequently happen'd that War was followed by Famine. But tho' this were not the Case, another sure Evil followed. The People, who were taken off from their Business, were forced to contract Debts, and this Evil increased to such a Degree, that it had almost overturned the Common-Wealth.

When Farmers and Tradesmen are drawn off from their Business, the natural and necessary Consequence will be the Ruin of their Affairs, and a Load of Debt contracted. And tho' this may not be attended with such bad Effects as among the *Romans*, yet it will certainly be attended with the Ruin of many Families, with an undue Power of a *few* and the excessive Poverty of *many*; Events which are greatly to be guarded against by a *free* People, as being fatal to Public Liberty. Thus then the Defending our Frontiers by a Militia, tends immediately to the Oppression of the Poor, to the Ruin of Agriculture, to the Impoverishing of the Province, beggaring of many private Families, and at last to the Endangering of the Constitution.

PORTSMOUTH, November 9.

THE Grafton, of 70 Guns, Commodore Holmes, and the Devonshire, of 64 Guns, are arrived this Morning in Portsmouth Harbour, in 42 Days from America. They are Part of the unfortunate Squadron lately cruizing off Louisburg, and were taken in Tow 120 Leagues by the Dunkirk and Achilles. They are both dismasted; the Grafton likewise lost her Rudder, and the Devonshire was obliged to throw Part of her Guns over-board. They had near ten Feet Water in their Hold, though the Pumps were continually going.

LIVERPOOL, November 18.

On Saturday last, about Two o'Clock in the Morning, the Snow Oxford, Capt. Edward Barnes Commander, from Maryland, for this Place, with 270 Hogsheads of Tobacco, 25 Tons of Pig Iron, and a Parcel of Lumber, was stranded on Butter's Wharf, near the Mouth of the River Ribble, within the Limits of this Port; about Ten o'Clock that Morning the Captain and Seven of the Crew got safe on Shore in the Long-Boat, Four other of his People were drowned in attempting to get into the Boat, occasioned by the Motion of the Ship which was very violent; the Mate, Two Boys and One Landsman staid on board, the former was wash'd overboard and drowned. The Boys and Landsman got into the Ship's Fore-Top, staid there during the whole Flood, the Sea frequently making an high Road over them, and on Ebb-Tide got safe on Shore. On the 14th she bilged and broke up, only 24 Hogsheads of Tobacco were thrown on Shore on this Side River Ribble, the Remainder is supposed to be carried away by the Stream towards Poulton. Her Masts, Yards, Rigging, Anchors, Cables, &c. were for the most Part saved; and to the Honour of that Part of the Country there was very little Plundering, only amongst the most despicable Wretches.

NEW-YORK, *January* 23.

The Harriot Packet, Captain Bonnel, arrived at Falmouth from hence before Capt. Rand sailed. In Lat. 49: 30, Lon. 10: 30, W. from London, Capt. Bonnel was attacked by a French Privateer of 18 Guns and 200 Men, which he beat off, and got clear; having disabled him so much in his Rigging, that he could not give Chace. Captain Bonnel, in the Action, had a Ball lodged in his Breast, Mr. Williamson, a Passenger, the Carpenter, Second Mate, and two Seamen, were wounded, but not mortally.

Last Saturday Morning arrived here, in 4 Weeks from St. Kitts, but last in 18 Days from Anguilla, the Schooner ——, Capt. Willard: He informs us, that Commodore Moore had sent Word to all the Dutch Islands in the West-Indies, that he intended to block up the French Islands, and that if he catcht any of them supplying the Enemy with Provisions, he would make Prizes of them; and would seize all that he suspected to be Dutch coming out of French Ports.

ANNAPOLIS, *February* 16.

Monday last the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province met here; when his Excellency our Governor opened the Session with the following SPEECH:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

HAVING received an Answer from the Earl of LOUDOUN, to a Letter which I sent him with the Addresses that you were pleased to present to me the 15th and 16th of *December*, and with the Copy of a Bill that had been framed in the Lower House during the late Session, I thought it incumbent on me to meet you at this Time, to communicate to you his Lordship's Sentiments with Regard to that Bill, and to give you an Opportunity of making proper Provision for the Support of the Troops that have been raised here for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of this Province. I shall give Orders for Copies of the Earl of LOUDOUN's Letter to be laid before you, in Confidence that you will, when you have considered it, think his Lordship's Requisition very reasonable; and you will not, I persuade myself, disappoint him in the Hopes he entertains, that your Care for the Preservation of the Lives and Properties of your Fellow-Subjects, your Zeal for the Common Cause, and your Duty to the King, will induce you to grant the Supplies, which you may judge necessary, by such a Bill as might be agreeable to our happy Constitution.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, *Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of* MARYLAND:

The humble ADDRESS of the Upper House of ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

WE return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session; and are well pleased to find, from the Copy of the Earl of LOUDOUN's Letter, laid before us, that his Lordship approves of our Conduct in rejecting the late Supply Bill. We beg Leave again to assure you, that, excited by a zealous Regard for the nearest Interests of our Fellow-Subjects, and a just Sense of the Duty we owe to our most Gracious Sovereign, we shall, with the greatest Pleasure and Alacrity, do our Part towards the Support of a Number of Troops, adequate to the Circumstances and Ability of our Country; and that if a Bill for this Purpose, shall be framed with a proper Regard to the Rights of the Crown, and the State and Constitution of this Province, it shall receive our chearful Assent.

B. TASKER, President.

The Governor's ANSWER:

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly.

I AM well convinced by your past Conduct, that you will, with the greatest Alacrity at this Time, provide, as far as is in your Power, for the Support of the Troops that the Earl of LOUDOUN *desires us to keep up; and I hope, that before the End of this Session, such a Bill will be framed for that Purpose, with a proper Regard to the Rights of the Crown, and the State and Constitution of this Province, as might meet with your ready Concurrence.*

HOR°. SHARPE.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, *Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of* MARYLAND:

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland*,

Maryland, in General Assembly convened, return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session.

The Opportunity you are at this Time pleased to afford us, of again exerting our Endeavours for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, is most agreeable to us.

We shall immediately take into our Consideration the Copy of the Earl of LOUDOUN's Letter, laid before us by your Excellency; and hope, that our Resolutions and Proceedings will manifest our Care for the Preservation of the Lives, Liberties and Properties of our Fellow-Subjects, our Zeal for the Common Cause, and Duty to our most Gracious Sovereign.

H. HOOPER, Speaker.

The Governor's ANSWER:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I AM glad to find by your Address, that you are pleased with my having again put it in your Power to provide for the Support of the Troops that have been raised here for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants; and I entertain the most sanguine Hopes, that your Resolutions and Proceedings at this Time, will manifest your Duty to our most Gracious Sovereign, and Zeal for the Common Cause.

HOR°. SHARPE.

We hear that Capt. *Pearis* and Two Subaltern Officers, with 30 Soldiers and 20 *Cherokees*, went from Fort *Cumberland* the latter End of *January*, with an Intention to proceed to Fort *du Quesne*.

The Week before last, *John Lane* and *Griffith Johnson*, being out on a Scout, pretty far up on *Patowmack*, they came a-cross the Tracks in the Snow of some *Indians*, which they followed and came up with on *George's* Creek, near *Savage* River, at Night; when the *Indians*, being Nine in Number, stopp'd and made a Fire, and *Lane* and *Johnson* Fired upon them, and knock'd down Two, but one of them got up again, and made off with the other Seven; *Lane* run in to scalp his Man, but whilst he was stooping down, his Back-side being towards them, the *Indians* fired at him, and one Bullet went through the Crotch of his Breeches, making Two Holes in them, and he very narrowly escaped being serv'd as bad as, or worse than, being scalp'd; for the Bullet just graz'd —— and took off a small Piece of the Skin. He finish'd scalping the *Indian*; and they both came off safe with the Scalp. This Mr. *John Lane*, is the same valiant Man, who was taken Prisoner by the *Indians* last *November* (after he and one *Cox* had kill'd Two of them) stripp'd Naked, Pinion'd, and had a Halter tied about his Neck, on which the *Indians* laid down when they went to Sleep, but cut himself loose with a broken Piece of Bottle which he had found on General *Braddock's* Road, and conceal'd under his Arm; and on his Return, dug up an *Indian* which they had buried, took away his Match-coat, and scalp'd him with a broken Stone.

We hear that the Ship *Hannah*, Capt. *Coates*, who loaded in *Patapsco* last Year, for *London*, and sail'd after the Convoy, was taken by a *French* Privateer, and carried into *Dunkirk*.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, *Enter'd*,
Brig Sea-Flower, James Cole, from St. Kitts;
Brig Achsah, John Hayward, from Liverpool.

Cleared for Departure,
Ship Two Sisters, James Hanrick, for Barbados.

JUST PUBLISHED,

Pursuant to the Order of the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly,

THE (SO-MUCH-TALK'D-OF) ASSESSMENT BILL, which Passed the Lower House last Session, and was Rejected by the Upper House; with all the Proceedings relating thereto: Containing in the whole, Fifty-eight Pages in Folio. A few Copies are to be Sold at the PRINTING-OFFICE. Price 3/6.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Edward Nedels*, living on *Great-Choptank* River, near *Kingston* in *Talbot* County, taken up as a Stray, a young Dark Grey Mare, dock'd, and branded on the near Buttock something like the Letters S A.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Subscriber has received a Letter from Mr. *William Perkins*, Merchant in *London*, dated the 11th of *November* last, acquainting him he had Chartered Two Ships, *viz.* the *Tryton*, Capt. *Watson*, to Load in *Patapsco* River, and the *Tryton*, Capt. *Wilkins*, to Load in *Patuxent* River: And those who favour him with their Tobacco by them, are to observe, that Insurance is made, which will be inserted in their Bills of Loading, not exceeding Six Pounds *per* Hogshead, clear of all Deductions. The Ships being now arrived, and lying in the Mouth of *Patuxent* River, will repair to their respective Moorings the first fair Wind. I have in the abovementioned Letter, Advice of the *Duke*, Capt. *Maitland*, who Loaded in *Patuxent* River last Year, being founder'd at Sea on her Voyage to *London*, in a violent Gale of Wind; but the Captain and Ship's Company, with the Letters, were saved; and that every Shipper on board said Vessel will receive their Insurances ordered, of which Mr. *Perkins* informs me he shall, by the first Opportunity, render them an Account.

1 HENRY CARROLL.

STRAYED from *Lower-Marlborough* the second of *January* last, a Brown Horse, between 12 and 13 Hands high, about 5 Years old, paces slow, and trots and gallops, has a short Switch Tail, a small white Spot in his Forehead, is branded, but with what can't be remembered, and had a Pair of Shoes taken off just before he was lost. Whoever will bring the said Horse to the Printer hereof, or to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward.

1 THOMAS JONES.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Peter Comerford*, near *King's-Creek* in *Talbot* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, with a large Blaze in her Forehead, and is branded on the near Buttock with the Letter I.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is in the Possession of *John Frazer*, near the Head of *Mattawoman*, in *Charles* County, taken up as a Stray, a Dark Bay Mare, upwards of 14 Hands high, with a hanging Mane and long Switch Tail, she is a natural pacer, but has no perceivable Brand.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Andrew Bostien*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Sorrel Mare, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock, and on the off Shoulder I P, she has a large Star in her Forehead, a long Mane with some grey Hairs in it, and a Saddle Spot on the right Side.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

TO BE SOLD,

By the SUBSCRIBER near Severn-Ferry, *in* ANNAPOLIS,

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2 JOHN CLAPHAM.

To be Sold to the Highest Bidder, on Wednesday the First Day of March *next, at the House of the Subscriber, near* South-River *Church*,

A CHOICE Parcel of COUNTRY-BORN SLAVES, consisting of Men, Women and Children, for Sterling or Paper Cash: Also a Parcel of Horses, Mares, Cattle, and other Stock, and some Houshold Furniture.

3 ANNE CHAMBERS.

THIS is once more to give Notice to all those indebted to *Charles Carroll*, Esq; who had not settled with him before his Departure from this Province, nor since with the Subscriber, that unless they discharge their Bonds (or at least the Interest) Notes of Hand, and proved Accounts, by the First Day of *March* next, Actions will certainly be brought against them.

5 R. CROXALL, Attorney in Fact.

Baltimore County, *January* 23, 1758.

STOLEN out of the Reverend Mr. *Thomas Cradock's* Stable, on Thursday Night the 19th Instant, a large Bay Gelding, belonging to the Subscriber, he paces and trots, is about 14 Hands and a half high, shod all round, has a hanging Mane and Sprig Tail, he has a particular Way in tossing his Head in Travelling, and apt to get loose if tied carelessly. The Thief took an old Curb Bridle and a small Saddle, belonging to a Son of Mr. *David Arnold's*.

Whoever brings home the Horse, Saddle and Bridle, shall have a Pistole Reward; and if the Thief is detected, and put in Goal, Two Pistoles, paid by

W. YOUNG.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY good SAILING BOAT, a prime Sailer, about 21 Feet Keel, 6 and ½ Beam, and 3 and ½ in the Hold; her Frame Mulberry; has a middling good Suit of Sails, Anchor and Cable, with other Materials, &c. &c. Enquire of the Printer hereof.

January 28, 1758.

WHEREAS *Elizabeth*, the Wife of the Subscriber, hath, in Violation of the Institution of Matrimony between us, without any just Cause, of her own accord, Eloped from me, and taken from me about Ten Pounds in Cash, 1 new Shirt, 4 Silver Table Spoons, a new Callico Counterpane, 1 Pair of new Sheets, a Gold Ring, and Keys, and some China. This is therefore to forewarn any Person or Persons whatever, from trusting her on my Account, for that I will not pay any Debts she Contracts.

C. HOMEWOOD.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER in ANNAPOLIS,

BEST BOLTED FLOUR, in Barrels, at 12/6 *per* Hundred; and good *WEST-INDIA* RUM, by Retale.

JOHN RAITT.

ALL Persons indebted to Mr. *Robert Swan*, now gone for *Great-Britain*, either on the STORE or TAN-YARD ACCOUNT, are desired to come and pay their respective Ballances to the Subscriber; and those whose Accounts have been long open, he expects they will come and settle them by Bond or Note, or may be assured Suits will be immediately brought against them.

The TANNING BUSINESS will still be carried on as usual, until the Tan-Yard is Sold, as lately advertised. For Terms of Sale, apply to the Subscriber.

Also to be Sold, a small SLOOP of 8 or 900 Bushels of Grain Burthen, in good Repair, and well found; fine GREEN and HYSON TEAS, COFFEE, CANDLES, SOAL LEATHER at 15*d. per* Pound by the Hide, and Allowance made for larger Quantities; likewise about 600 Bushels of old CORN.

ROBERT COUDEN.

WHEREAS little Notice has hitherto been taken of an Advertisement frequently published in this *Gazette*, desiring all Persons indebted to Mr. *Daniel Wolstenholme*, Merchant (now gone to *England*) to come and settle their respective Accounts with the Subscriber: This is therefore to give Notice, that if they do not immediately come and settle the same, either by Cash, Bill, or Bond, they may expect to be proceeded against according to Law.

JOHN CLAPHAM, Attorney in Fact.

JUST IMPORTED from *BRISTOL*,

And to be SOLD by the Subscriber, at his Stores at UPPER-MARLBOROUGH *and* PIG-POINT,

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STEPHEN WEST.

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A TRACT of LAND, containing 260 Acres, 16 Acres of which is excellent fresh Water Meadow, with a good Orchard of young grafted Trees, lying on the *Round-Bay* near the *Vine-Yard*; on which there is a good Dwelling-House, Stable, Corn-House, &c. For Terms, and further Particulars, enquire of Mr. *Lancelot Jacques*, Merchant, in *Annapolis*.

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